

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Meeting of Tuesday, 04 September 2012  
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

Approved minutes

**1.** The meeting was **called to order** at 7:09 pm by Kim Bova. *Members present:* Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Anke Finger, Blanche Serban, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Scott Lehmann, Joe Tomanelli. *Others present:* Jay O’Keefe (staff).

**2. Reports.**

a. **Storrs Center Art Gallery.** Kim, Anke, and Blanche offered an update on their efforts to start an event-based art gallery in town. They put together a business plan with a budget and found a pro-bono lawyer. The proposed name for the gallery is “Arts Crossings,” as it will be an art space integrating visual arts, music, poetry, etc. The business needs to raise \$150 to start the application process as a non-profit organization. Windham Arts is the regional organization in this part of Connecticut supporting arts initiatives. They will support us to start a community-oriented gallery (e.g., by offering fiduciary services), but they will not fund it. Jay noted that maybe it is the time to approach the town again to ask for support and funding. Anke mentioned that the town can help also by offering accounting information and support. The gallery initiative committee will have a table at the Festival on the Green on Sept 23 with information about “Arts Crossings,” pledge cards, and an art-related activity. Kim will find out if Mansfield Downtown Partnership would have a conflict of interest to support the gallery. Jay offered to search for other possible sources of funding. He will also coordinate another meeting with the community center manager and the town manager.

b. **Exhibition Application.** David noted that a Microsoft version of the application could be saved on the server and made available for easy access and change at any time. Jay will take care to have a saved version on-line.

c. **Annual Report.** Scott is working on a draft of the annual report. He will forward it to the committee by email.

d. **MCC exhibits.** **Carole Jeffries** will display additional pieces in the sitting room and hallways during her exhibition. The **Quiet Corner Camera Club** whose show ended in August applied again. They will be offered an exhibition period in summer 2013.

f. **Places in town to show art** will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
6/1 – 8/17	<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)				<i>Quiet Corner Photo Club</i> (Joshua Trust photos)	
8/27 – 10/14	Festival on the Green advertising & Art Show winners			<i>Carole Jeffries?</i> (oils)	<i>DSS Have a Heart?</i> (photos of adoptable kids)	
10/15 – 1/14					<i>Jim Gabianelli</i> (machine art)	

**3. Adjourned** at 8:10pm. Next scheduled meeting: 02 October 2012, 7 pm.

Blanche Serban, Secretary, 04 September 2012